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A LONGFELLOW EVENING.

Address by Mr Amos P. Wilder.

A most enjoyable evening was spent in connection with the Union Church Literary Society on Thursday. It was a "Longfellow evening," and in addition to an address on the famous poet's life, readings and musical selections taken from his works were given. Mr. Joughin presided, and readings were contributed by the Rev. C. H. Hickling, Miss Ethel Rowe, and Mr. John Robertson, while Mrs. W. Stanley Allen was responsible for a number of admirably rendered songs. There was a crowded audience, including Miss Eckenker and Capt. P. M. Taylor (A. D. C. to His Excellency the Governor) from Government House.

The address was given by Mr Amos P. Wilder, American Consul-General, in his usual bright and breezy style. Mr. Wilder said that Longfellow died 27 years ago and his poems do not lose their hold. He was not a profound thinker nor a lyric-writer of the first rank; he wrote for the people and perhaps none is more loved or quoted by the people. To many of us Longfellow calls for a certain culture; Longfellow is nearer Burns; the day labourer finds some thing in him. The Village Blacksmith is like to "The Cottar's Saturday Night." His was the literary life though he lived in a time of clashing. His life went smoothly on. "Non clamor sed Amor"—"not violence or noise but love" was his book plate. Yet there was stuff in the man. His slavery poems required courage to write; and "The Building of the Ship"—"Thou, too, sail on, O Ship of State" touched the great heart of Lincoln, who said it would go far toward saving the Union. Cambridge was his home for fifty years and in one home, "Cambridge House," one of Washington's headquarters. Here had been entertained the Duke of Kent, Tallyrand and other notables. Domestic losses came to him—the second wife by a sad burning; and of children; but apart from these it was a peaceful and beautiful career with all good things, different from that of so many poets, some of whom had been favoured rather than denounced might have had less stressful lives. Longfellow is one to read for rest and inspiration; not his to grapple with soulful problems nor in justice can he be credited with the powerful mission of Tennyson and Browning.

His four great poems are "Hiawatha"; the nearest approach to an American epic; "Evangeline"; "Miles Standish"; (Longfellow carried the blood of four of the Mayflower's cargo of 1601) and "Tales of a Wayside Inn"—of which "Robert of Sicily" is one. Longfellow was four times in Europe, first spending three years there in preparation for his work as a teacher of foreign languages at Harvard. He then entered upon five languages and eventually had ten which he either spoke or understood. Two of his later poems are "The Village Blacksmith" and "The Ship of State" also show the influence, especially of Germany—"Kingdom of the Air"—introducing Jean Paul and Goethe to America; his double service was to join with Bryant, Irving, Hawthorne, and Poe in establishing a national literature and to command respect for it abroad. The thing "Who reads an American book?" asked.

Longfellow came gently to old age; he died at 75. He is well called the "Children's Laureate." He writes of "Grave Alice and laughing Allegra, and Edith with golden hair as 'blue eyed Bandit'" that he put into the dungeon in the round tower of his heart. In appearance he was well framed with abundant white hair, deep sunken eyes, with a face at once benign and commanding. School children gave him a chair built of the chestnut tree beneath which the "Village Blacksmith" once laboured at the forge; his autograph was in great demand. Schools all over the country remembered his birthday. A dozen celebrities were named after him or his neighbours—Longfellow, Holmes, Channing, Theodore Parker, Alcott. Crises breed men of power and the Civil War period was rich in them. His verses have gone into 19 languages but England especially appreciated him. The two great universities gave him degrees and at last Westminster Abbey admitted his bust. The world scarcely realize what it owes to poets; they kindle and embody lofty national sentiments as no other instrumentality can do, with far reaching effect.

Mrs. W. Stanley Allen was responsible for the musical portion of the programme and the several readings were as follows: "Work of the Harp," "The Slave in the Danish Strand," and "The Building of the Ship" were given by Mr. John Robertson, Miss Ethel Rowe read "King Robert of Sicily," and "Paul Revere's Ride." Mr. C. H. Hickling also gave a reading from "Hiawatha."

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By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.
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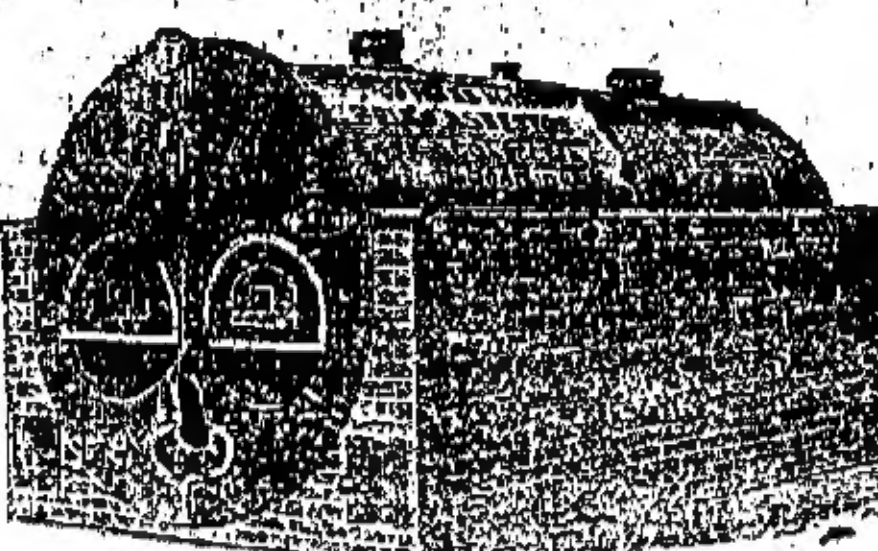
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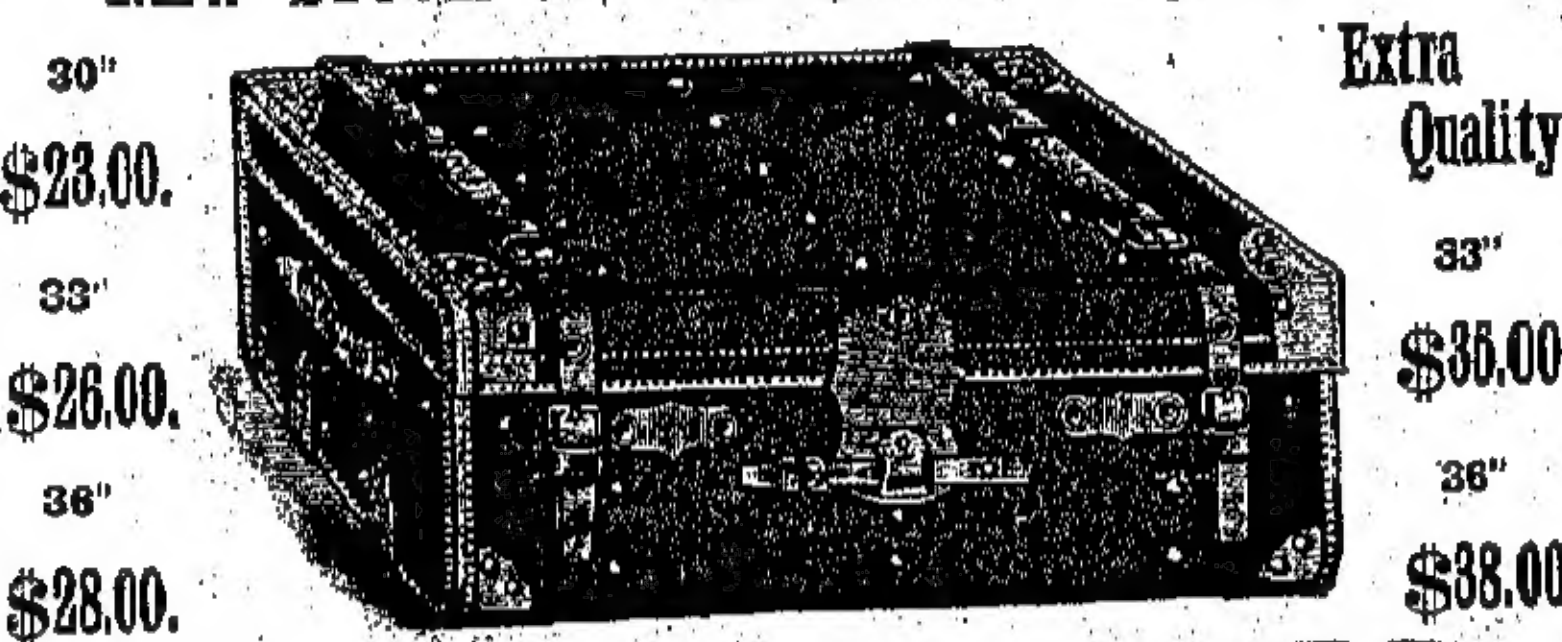
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Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 23rd February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1904, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 13, 1904. 222

HONGKONG ICE CO. LIMITED

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 12.30 p.m., on **SATURDAY, 27th instant**, to receive a statement of the Company's Accounts for 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 17th inst.
to the 27th inst., both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 13, 1909. 227

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.,

THE FORTIETH MEETING OF Share-
holders in the above Company will be
held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3,
Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on
THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1909, at 12
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving
a Statement of Accounts and the Report of
the Directors for the year ending 31st
December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 29th February
to 4th March, both days inclusive.

By Order, **C. PEMBERTON,**
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 13, 1909. 221

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LD.
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NOTICE.
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THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on **SATURDAY**, the 6th March, 1909, at 12

o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1908, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th February to the 6th March, both days.

By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 25, 1909. 284

**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned at 12.30 P.M., on **TUESDAY, the 9th March.** The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd inst. to the 9th March, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs JARDINE, MATTHEWS & Co., Ltd., King's Building, on **WEDNESDAY, the 10th March, at 12.30 a.m.**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 4th to the 10th March, both days inclusive.

R. J. MACGOWAN,
Acting Secretary,

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LITTLE RESULT EXPECTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, February 25.
The International Opium Commission closes to-day. It is understood that it will have little result.

[Note—This news is rather unexpected as it was thought the proceedings of the Commission would be very protracted and perhaps run into months.—Ed., G.M.]

HONGKONG CHINA-MAN'S ARREST.

ALLEGED BANK THEFT OF \$52,000.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, February 25.
A Hongkong Chinaman, who was dressed as a foreigner, has been arrested on a charge of absconding from Hongkong with \$52,000 stolen from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in June, 1905.

THE BALKAN IM-BROGLIO.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, February 25.
M. Forgasch, the Austrian Minister to Serbia, has arrived in Vienna. His leaving Belgrade is regarded as a hint to Serbia that Austria is becoming impatient.

FRENCH NAVAL ESTIMATES.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, February 25.
Reuters' Paris correspondent learns that M. Picard, Minister of Marine, on the 22nd of February conceded reductions in his estimates amounting to thirty millions of francs. An agreement is now probable.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, February 25.
The House of Commons has adopted the Address to the Throne.

INTERFERENCE RESENTED.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, February 25.
Governor Chan Chiu-shang of Kina, having telegraphed to Viceroy Chu Shih-chang upon a subject concerning the death of the late Emperor and the Empress-Dowager, has been denounced by a censor for interference.

INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, February 25.
Lau Pang-man, of the Board of the Interior, having pointed out in a memorial many abuses said to be existing in the educational system, the Board of Education is directed to investigate and report.

YUAN SHIH-KAI UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, February 25.
Yuan Shih-kai having proposed to go abroad to cure his rheumatism, the Prince Regent is said to have secretly sent an official to Honan to watch his movements.

NEW NAVAL COLLEGE PROPOSED.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, February 25.
Prince Su has suggested that an Imperial Naval College should be established in Tientsin.

FRENCH LEGATION GUARD TO WITHDRAW.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, February 25.
The French Legation Guards will be withdrawn in the course of this month.

AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY DEPARTS.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, February 25.
Yin Chang, the newly appointed Chinese Minister to Germany, left Peking to-day on his way to his new post. He is accompanied by several attendants.

KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL. Presentation of Prizes.

The annual distribution of prizes took place at the Kowloon British School, this morning, His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, kindly presenting the prizes. His Excellency was accompanied by Miss Hemmiker and was attended by Captain Simson.

The Headmaster said:—Your Excellency, as this is the first occasion on which you have honoured us with your presence it has occurred to me that you might be interested in a short summary of the history of the school from its foundation. The school buildings were presented to the Colony by Mr Ho Tung and the foundation stone was laid by His Excellency Sir Henry Blake on July 20, 1900. The school was formally opened by His Excellency Sir William Gascoigne on April 19, 1902. The school commenced its actual work on May 6, 1902, with thirty-three European pupils of both sexes, it having been decided that only pupils of European parentage on both sides were to be admitted. Accommodation had been provided for a maximum of 80 pupils and when this maximum was reached two years later the Government opened a similar school—the Victoria school—on the Hongkong side. This naturally reduced our numbers and we have never again reached our maximum. As a matter of fact the last year which unfortunately sat in, and which meant that firms were reducing the number of European officials, decreased our numbers still more, until in last September we had sunk as low as 39. Our numbers at present are again up to 70—an increase of about 80 per cent in the course of four months. I here venture to express a hope that these figures constitute a sort of barometer indicating that trade is improving and that this Colony has already entered on a new era of solid prosperity. The late Governor, after an exhaustive inspection of the school was good enough to make an entry in the log book—it was not on the occasion of a prize distribution—and to say that he highly approved of what has always been the school ideal, to train the girls and boys in the way best calculated to make them behave as ladies and gentlemen. The curriculum of subjects has been frequently altered as the result of experience and changed conditions. It has remained fixed for the last two years, the present Inspector of Schools being reported to have said that he had no further fault to find with it. I do not consider that the average pupil at this school—where we have of course had some brilliant exceptions—is as far advanced as the average pupil of the same age in a school at Home. I am glad to be able to say that the length of a school generation here is about two and a half years. Pupils join and leave during any and all months of the year. In 1905, 31 pupils attended, the greatest number present in any one day being 100 and the average number 45. 2. The difference in age. Pupils are admitted to this school at ages varying from 5 to 17 years. This means that every teacher has to take at least two classes simultaneously. 3. Sickness. Pupils are kept at home by anxious parents more often than they would be in England. 4. Climate. In the summer the heat of the sun, typhoons and mounds of typhoons interfere with the regularity of the attendance. 5. It seems rather unimportant to mention the fifth reason—the number of birthdays. I have not yet detected any pupil in the possession of more than one birthday in any year, but at one time there was keen competition in attending a record number of birthday parties and in taking a record number of school days to recover from the effects of the good things consumed. This state of things was bad one year that through the persistence of the Inspector of Schools and the kindness of the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, the playground has become an accomplished fact. I shall bring my summary to a close by giving the names of the benefactors. In the course of its existence the school has received gifts from Mrs C. W. Dixon, H. E. Sir William Gascoigne, Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Mr C. W. Jack, Mr Kestwick, and the Hon. Mr E. A. Irving. For the heretofore to provide prizes year after year we have relied on the generosity of those long suffering gentlemen the Hon. Mr Gresson, Messrs R. Shewan, J. R. M. Smith and the Kowloon Dock Co. (Applause.)

Mr E. D. C. Woolfs, Inspector of Schools, said, the school year had been a distinctly successful one and dealing with the attendance he was glad to know that the attendance was not one point less than the previous year. The standard of work was very good, except hygiene, which seems to have been neglected in the two British schools. Physical drill had been introduced during the year. At the time the school was started a petition was presented to the then Governor signed by an enormous number of residents that the school should only be for British children and he regretted that the attendance did not seem to justify what had been anticipated. The report of the Inspector of Schools showed that the school was thoroughly efficient. His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard said:—Mr James, Ladies and Gentlemen—You have given us, Sir, a very concise and interesting account of the origin and history of this school which I recognise as an abridgement of the appendix you wrote to the admirable article on 'Education in Hongkong' by Mr. Gresson, published in the Peking Mail in August 1907. If any one has noticed that article I would recommend them to do so which is an admirable survey of the objects and method of instruction in Hongkong. I was very glad to hear that the school was so successful. I am very largely glad that the school is so successful.

that the average attendance during the coming year may much exceed the average of the last two years, which I am sorry to say is less than before. I realize the difficulties which surround a system of education in this school and which the headmaster has pointed out to us, the difference in ages of pupils and the difficulties of the climate and typhoons and so forth, and also the short residence of parents in the Colony but for my own part I anticipate that this school is going to make rapid strides in the future for when the railway has been opened and the revival of trade which we all anticipate, I think that the prosperity of Kowloon is assured and I expect that I shall have to face the problem here as elsewhere of inadequate space, and staff. I am very glad to congratulate you on having obtained a playground through the kindness of the Church Body. I have personally given much attention to the matter of providing playground and it was only through the suggestion of the Inspector of Schools that we were able to secure the playground belonging to the adjoining church. The Inspector of Schools told us just now that he was somewhat disappointed that more advantage was not taken of this school by British residents here. I confess that I too have been surprised at this. The loss of the school and the fact that each pupil costs \$150, more than double that of the English and Anglo-Chinese school of Balisio school, and a total cost to the Colony of \$5,432. Every facilities and efforts and so forth have been given and I should like to see amongst the British residents of this Colony a greater appreciation of what has been done. More especially I should like to see parents give attention to those points which have been dwelt upon so strongly by the headmaster and the Inspector of Schools and that they would use their efforts and endeavours with the children to come punctually to school every day and not so take unauthorised holidays on the excuse of the headmaster and so forth. The Inspector of Schools report, I think, we may consider to be highly satisfactory. There is hardly one subject on which he has not been able to bestow unstinted praise. In my own part I congratulate Mrs. Main on the results, since she had charge of the school during the absence on leave of Mr. James, and there is every reason to be proud of the results achieved. An allusion was made to the log book—it was not on the occasion of a prize distribution—and to say that he highly approved of what has always been the school ideal, to train the girls and boys in the way best calculated to make them behave as ladies and gentlemen. The curriculum of subjects has been frequently altered as the result of experience and changed conditions. It has remained fixed for the last two years, the present Inspector of Schools being reported to have said that he had no further fault to find with it. I do not consider that the average pupil at this school—where we have of course had some brilliant exceptions—is as far advanced as the average pupil of the same age in a school at Home. I am glad to be able to say that the length of a school generation here is about two and a half years. Pupils join and leave during any and all months of the year. In 1905, 31 pupils attended, the greatest number present in any one day being 100 and the average number 45. 2. The difference in age. Pupils are admitted to this school at ages varying from 5 to 17 years. This means that every teacher has to take at least two classes simultaneously. 3. Sickness. Pupils are kept at home by anxious parents more often than they would be in England. 4. Climate. In the summer the heat of the sun, typhoons and mounds of typhoons interfere with the regularity of the attendance. 5. It seems rather unimportant to mention the fifth reason—the number of birthdays. I have not yet detected any pupil in the possession of more than one birthday in any year, but at one time there was keen competition in attending a record number of birthday parties and in taking a record number of school days to recover from the effects of the good things consumed. This state of things was bad one year that through the persistence of the Inspector of Schools and the kindness of the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, the playground has become an accomplished fact. I shall bring my summary to a close by giving the names of the benefactors. In the course of its existence the school has received gifts from Mrs C. W. Dixon, H. E. Sir William Gascoigne, Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Mr C. W. Jack, Mr Kestwick, and the Hon. Mr E. A. Irving. For the heretofore to provide prizes year after year we have relied on the generosity of those long suffering gentlemen the Hon. Mr Gresson, Messrs R. Shewan, J. R. M. Smith and the Kowloon Dock Co. (Applause.)

A firm of Liverpool architects have been commissioned to draw plans for the erection of big works at Flint, for the manufacture by a German firm of a patent lace silk. The establishment of this factory is one of the fruits of the operation of the new Patent Act. The cost of the building is about £20,000, and the works will eventually give employment to about 1,000 operatives.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

There will be an Official Dinner at Government House to-night to which the following have been invited to meet Admiral and Madame Porcia:—Rev. Thornhill, Mr. Champness, Major and Mrs. Adair, Commander, Mr. and Mrs. Lyon, Commander, Harberg, Major and Mrs. Cammilleri, Commander and Mrs. Pike, Captain Etherington, R.N., Mr. Liebert, Mr. and Mrs. Collison-Moody, Commander, Africa, Flag-Lieut. Chauvin, Mr. and Mrs. Bloch, Mr. and Mrs. Newall, Major and Mrs. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Hooper, Mr. Harra, Captain Smith, R.N., Captain Thibault, of the D'Entrecasteaux, Commander, Linares, of the Decade, Rev. Barnett.

THE GOVERNOR OF MACAO.

Officially Visits Hongkong. His Excellency Senhor J. A. Rodas, Governor of Macao, paid his first official visit to Hongkong to-day, accompanied by his suite including Captain Pacheco Souza, chief of staff, Captain Dias, A.D.C., Lieut. Santos, A.D.C., Captain Figueras, and Dr. Leitao. The distinguished party arrived at Hongkong by the Portuguese galleon Rio Lima soon after noon and was saluted by the warships in the harbour.

Captain Taylor, A.D.C., to His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, accompanied by Mr. J. J. Leiria, Consul General for Portugal and Brazil, boarded the galleon; the official landing took place at Blake Pier at 1 p.m., a guard of honour of the 10th Madras being drawn up in readiness to receive His Excellency. His Excellency then paid an official visit to His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard at Government House where the distinguished party were entertained to luncheon, the following guests having been invited:—H. E. Admiral Sir Redworth Lambton, H. E. Major General Broadwood, the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Lander, His Honour Sir Francis and Lady Pigott, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. May, the Hon. Mr. Bess Davis, K.C., the Hon. Mr. Thomson, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Chatham, the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Gresson, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Slade, Comm. and Mr. Leiria, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Mottet, R.N., Captain Heathcote, A.D.C.

His Excellency the Governor of Macao subsequently paid visits to His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Redworth Lambton, and Commodore Lyon.

COMPANY MEETING.

Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited. An extraordinary meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., was held at its registered office, Nos. 9 to 17, Pedder Street, to-day, for the purpose of considering the following resolutions:—

"1. That the capital of the company be increased to £1,000,000 by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of £50 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company."
"2. That the said 8,000 additional shares be offered in the first instance to all members of the company registered as shareholders on March 1st, in the proportion of two new shares for every three original shares held by them and upon the footing that fifty per cent of the full amount of each new share taken up shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the shares and that each offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined, and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company."

Mr. Hutton Potts presided, and those present were Mr. N. J. Moore, F.W.C., Messrs J. Arnold, W. E. Clarke, F. Maitland, P. O. Potts, E. D. Askell, F. Davis, Shi Po Sham, Fung Tat Hing, Lai Chan, and C. Mooney (secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman, in proposing the resolutions, said:—Gentlemen,—As indicated by the Chairman at our meeting on 12th Sept. last, the time has now arrived when we find it necessary to call up fresh capital to meet the needs of the new south hotel. We have deferred this issue as long as possible and as you will have seen from the advertisement appearing in the daily papers there will be an issue of 8,000 new shares of £50 each, that is at par; the first lot of £25,000 will be payable on 1st May next, ranking for dividend from that date. Due notice will be sent to each shareholder of the number of shares to which he is entitled. The balance of the capital will probably be required about 6 months later. The estimated cost of the new hotel is £335,000.00. The iron framework has arrived and is being erected; the date for the completion of this part of the work is 21st May, while the whole building is due to be finished 15 months later, or say August next year.

Mr. Maitland seconded, and the motions were unanimously agreed to. The Chairman—That is all; thank you for your attendance.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Dull, dirty weather marked the opening of the Hongkong Horticultural Society's show to-day. As in former years, the Botanical Garden has been chosen as the venue, and a more beautiful setting for the numerous exhibits could scarcely be imagined. It was decidedly unfortunate that such bad climatic conditions should prevail, for the attendance was severely diminished by this circumstance.

In point of number the entries were well up to the mark, and compared more than favourably with former years. In the quality of the exhibits, too, there was an all round improvement. There was a grand display of blooms of all kinds, out flowers being made a feature of this year, while table decorations were more numerous and more artistically shown than last year. The fine display of vegetable was a decided tribute to successful husbandry in the Colony.

The general exhibits were judged by Messrs J. Barton, S. T. Dunn, D. V. Graddock, and W. J. Fletcher; the table decorations by Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Turner; and the gardens by Messrs Dunn, Gompertz, Gibbs, and Barton.

The greatest credit is due to the assiduous officials for labours willingly performed, especially to Mr. L. Gibbs (the energetic secretary), Messrs Titcher, Barton, Ho Kom Tong, and Chao Leep Choo. During the afternoon the band of the 10th Madras, under Bandmaster Coker, rendered admirable selections; while at 5 p.m. the Hon. Mr. F. W. May kindly performed the ceremony of presenting the awards. The prize list will be published to-morrow.

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No claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the 4th March,

1909 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on the 4th March, 1909,

at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,

Hongkong, February 25, 1909.

'BEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BENVENUE.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP,

LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby in-

formed that all Goods are being

loaded at their risk into the hazardous

and extra hazardous Godowns of the

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Co., Limited, and stored at

Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th

February will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be

presented to the Underigned on or before

the 6th March, or they will not be re-

cognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on the 27th February, at

11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counterigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 22, 1909.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLES-

BOROUGH, LONDON, COLOMBO

AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

FLINTSHIRE.

Captain G. O. CONDY, M.A., having arrived

from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo

are hereby informed that their Goods are

being loaded at their risk into the Godowns

of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf

and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, and

stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on FRIDAY, the 26th

inst., at 3 p.m.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th

inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counterigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

Notice to Consignees.

INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship Kiangsu having

arrived from the above Ports, Con-

signees of cargo by her are hereby informed

that their goods will be delivered from

alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re-

maining on board after 4 p.m., the 27th

inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and

expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be counterigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, February 24, 1909.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S

STEAMER DELTA.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND

STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above

named Vessel are hereby informed

that their Goods are being loaded and

placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND

KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S

Godowns at Kowloon, where each consigne-

ment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and

delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:-

From London, &c. ex a.s. Aden.

From Calcutta, ex a.s. Ceylon.

From Penang, &c. ex B.S.N. and

B. & P.S.N. Co.'s steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here un-

less instructions are given to the contrary

before 6 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 24th inst., at

4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by

us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the

Godowns for examination by the Con-

signees and the Co.'s representative on an

appointed hour. All claims must be pre-

sented within ten days of the steamer's

arrival here, after which date they cannot

be recognised. No claims will be admitted

